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	Claims	1	YE
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u> </u>	NC
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Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1	NO
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Document 1: JP, 6-300281, A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 28 October, 1994

The invention of claim 1 is described in paragraphs 0007, 0008, and 0017 and Fig. 1 (B) of document 1 cited in the ISR; thus it does not appear to possess novelty or involve an inventive step.